

Agency Alignment



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Placement of Agency Alignment Content

- Chapter 1 – Opening Chapter
- Chapter 2 – CA Water Today
- Chapter 3 – Imperative to Invest
- Chapter 8 – Implementation Plan

Purpose of Agency Alignment

- Expedite implementation of resource management strategies
- Achieve multiple objectives
- Reduce time and costs required to implement IWM projects
- Enable whole system-based planning, regulation and management (e.g. Habitat Conservation Planning)

Alignment Initiatives

- CA Biodiversity Council Feb. 2013 resolution
Strengthening Agency Alignment for Natural Resource Conservation
- Breakout sessions at:
 - 2012 Water Plan Plenary
 - Floodplain Management Association conference
- Public AC Member Collaborative White Paper
- Update 2013 Companion Plans and companion planning through State Agency Steering Committee

Topic Categories for Agency Alignment

- Data
- Planning
- Policy-making
- Regulation
- Funding
- Urbanization and Ecosystem Health
- Knowledge and Information

Agency Alignment *Regulation*

- Fragmented permitting leads to multiple agencies issuing permits for the same resource/issue with conflicting criteria.

Agency Alignment *Funding*

- Funding is unstable, fragmented and funding sources often prescribe how funds need to be spent.

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Urbanization and Ecosystem Health

- Conservation education, joint venture and incentive programs are inadequate and/or too focused on (or earmarked for) single purposes

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Knowledge and Information

- Information synthesis is essential to effective decision-support, yet it is challenging and abilities are perhaps decreasing

Agency Alignment *Working Session*